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## TRANSMITTAL OF CONTINUING APPLICATION

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Sir:

This application is a ☐ continuation ☐ divisional  
☒ continuation-in-part application filed under the procedure  
 set forth in 37 CFR 1.53(b).

## 1. PRIOR APPLICATION DATA

Application No: 08/945,497

Filing Date: October 24, 1997

Title: SURGICAL GRIPPING DEVICE

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## 2. ENCLOSED ARE:

- ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (in duplicate)
- ☒ 6 pages description, 2 page(s) claims, 1 page abstract  
 [Total Pages: 9]
- ☒ 1 sheet(s) drawings
- ☐ Declaration for Patent Application
  - ☐ Newly executed
  - ☐ Copy from prior application
- ☐ An assignment and recordation cover sheet
- ☐ Small entity status: verified statement that this is a  
 filing by a small entity under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27.
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement

3. ☐ Cancel in this application original claims \_\_\_\_\_  
 before calculating the filing fee.

4. ☐ This divisional or continuation application is filed by  
 fewer than all of the inventors named in the prior application and  
 this application is accompanied by a statement requesting deletion  
 of the name(s) of the person(s) who is(are) not inventor(s) in this  
 application.

5. ☐ The ☐ inventorship, ☐ inventor's citizenship,  
 residence or post office address as shown on the original oath or

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declaration was changed and approved during prosecution of the prior application, which changes are shown on the enclosed Inventor(s) Information Sheet.

6. ☒ Priority of Application No. 9508328.3 filed on April 25, 1995 in United Kingdom is claimed under 35 USC 119.

☐ A certified copy of the priority application has been filed in prior Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_.

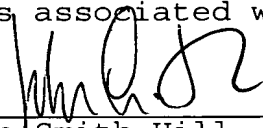
7. ☐ The prior application is assigned of record to \_\_\_\_\_. (For divisional or continuation only; not for CIP.)

8. ☒ A petition and fee for three months' extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed August 27, 1999 in the prior application, until February 27, 2000, has been filed, and a copy of the petition is attached.

9. ☐ A verified statement claiming small entity status has been filed in prior Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_. A copy of the verified statement is enclosed. Status as a small entity is still proper and is desired.

10. ☒ Address all future communications to the correspondence address associated with Customer No. 007812.

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